CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:		CCRB Case #:	✓ Force	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Discour	rt. 🔲	U.S.
Laura Strauss		Squad #	# 5	201906398	☑ Abuse		O.L.	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Injury
Incident Date(s)		18 Mo.	SOL	EO SOL	Location of	of Incid	ent:	Pre	cinct:
Saturday 07/20/2019 8:02 PM		01-20-2	2021	09-06-2021	Avenue		Lincoln Precinct use		75
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Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			I	nvestig	ator Rec	omme	ndation
A . POM Sean Keegan			ity: At Li an Keegan fr	incoln Avenue in Broo isked Share Me	klyn, A	. Uns	ubstantiat	ted	
B . POM Jo	Discourt Officer J Me	esy: At	Lincoln A	Avenue in Brooklyn, Poscourteously to Sh	olice B	. Unsi	ubstantiat	ed	

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
C . POM Jo	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer John Re used physical force against Shamma Me	C . Unsubstantiated
D . SGT Miller Ha	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Miles Ha used physical force against Sh Me	D. Unsubstantiated
E . POM Sean Keegan	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical force against Sh	E . Exonerated
F. SGT Miller Ha	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Miles Ha used physical force against Sh Me	F. Exonerated
G . SGT Miller Ha	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Miles Ha used a chokehold against Sh Me	G. Substantiated
H . SGT Miller Ha	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Miles Ha restricted Shares Me breathing.	H . Substantiated
I . SGT Miller Ha	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Miles Ha used physical force against Sh Me	I . Exonerated
J . POM Jo	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer John Re used physical force against Shanna Me	J . Exonerated
K . POM Sean Keegan	Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to Shannan Me	K. Unfounded
L . POM Sean Keegan	Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical force against Shannan Me	L. Unfounded
M . POM Sean Keegan	Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to individuals.	M . Unfounded
N . POM Sean Keegan	Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to individuals.	N . Exonerated
O. POM Sean Keegan	Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to Ma	O . Exonerated
P. POM Sean Keegan	Abuse of Authority: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan threatened to arrest individuals.	P. Exonerated
Q . POM Sean Keegan	Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to Shannan Me	Q . Substantiated
R . POM Sean Keegan	Abuse of Authority: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan threatened Shwith the use of force.	R . Exonerated
S . An officer	Abuse of Authority: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, an officer threatened Shares Me with the use of force.	S . Exonerated
T . POM Sean Keegan	Force: At the 75th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical force against Shannan Me	T. Exonerated
U. POM Sean Keegan	Force: At the 75th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical force against Sharman Me	U. Unsubstantiated
V . POM Jo	Other Misconduct Noted: Police Officer Jo Re failed to prepare a memo book entry as required.	V. Other Misconduct

Case Summary

On July 22, 2019, James Me filed this complaint on the CCRB website, on behalf of her brother,

Shape Me On July 20, 2019, Jame Me filed a duplicate complaint over the phone with IAB. The same day, Magnet Me filed a duplicate complaint with IAB, generating original log. The CCRB received the IAB complaint on August 1, 2019.
On July 20, 2019, at approximately 8:02 p.m., Sergeant Miller Hall Police Officer Sean Keegan, and Police Officer John Remains of the 75 th Precinct Anti-Crime team, stopped Mr. Melling who was smoking marijuana in front of Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn. PO Keegan allegedly frisked Mr. Melling (Allegation A: Abuse of Authority, unsubstantiated). PO Remains allegedly told Mr. Melling upper neck and Sgt. Hall allegedly punched Mr. Melling jaw or lower cheek (Allegations C-D: Force, unsubstantiated). Mr. Melling began fighting back and threw several punches at the officers. Sgt. Hall and PO Keegan punched Mr. Melling (Allegations E-F: Force, exonerated). Sgt. Hall and PO Remains to the ground (Allegations G-H: Force, substantiated). Sgt. Hall and PO Remains to the ground (Allegations I-J: Force, exonerated). PO Keegan allegedly told Mr. Melling "Stop fucking resisting" (Allegation K: Discourtesy, unfounded). After officers handcuffed Mr. Melling PO Keegan allegedly punched Mr. Melling in the face (Allegation L: Force, unfounded).
A large group of Mr. Me friends and family members gathered to watch the interaction. PO Keegan allegedly asked individuals, "What the fuck is the address?" (Allegation M: Discourtesy, unfounded). PO Keegan told individuals and Ma Back the fuck up," and he told individuals that they could be arrested and (Allegation N-O: Discourtesy, exonerated; Allegation P: Abuse of Authority, exonerated). PO Keegan told Mr. Me Don't fucking touch me" (Allegation Q: Discourtesy, substantiated). PO Keegan told Mr. Me that he would use a Taser against him if he did anything while the officers adjusted his handcuffs (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority, exonerated). An officer allegedly held a Taser against Mr. Me body (Allegation S: Abuse of Authority, exonerated). At

Mr. Me was arrested and charged with two counts of assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration, disorderly conduct, and criminal possession of marijuana (BR 01). Mr. Me received an Adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal and his charges were ultimately dismissed.

the 75th Precinct stationhouse, PO Keegan pushed Mr. Me into a wall near the holding cells and lifted Mr. Me cuffed arms upward behind him (Allegation T: Force, exonerated; Allegation U: Force, unsubstantiated). PO Remark failed to prepare a memo book entry (Allegation V: Other misconduct

The investigation obtained BWC footage from Sgt. Harman PO Keegan, PO Remain (BR 02-07), and many responding officers (BR 08-26), as well as brief cellphone video from Mr. Memoria aunt (BR 27). All references to video evidence below refer to the time-stamp in the video player, and not to any onscreen clock embedded in the footage itself.

Patrol Borough Brooklyn North conducted a concurrent investigation (BR 28), which exonerated the forcible takedown and hand strikes, and which closed the remaining allegations as Unsubstantiated or Information and Intelligence.

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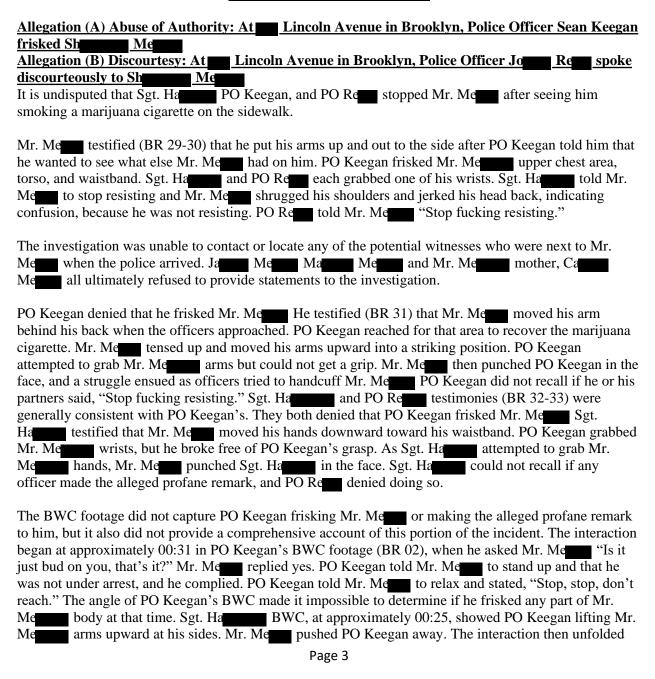
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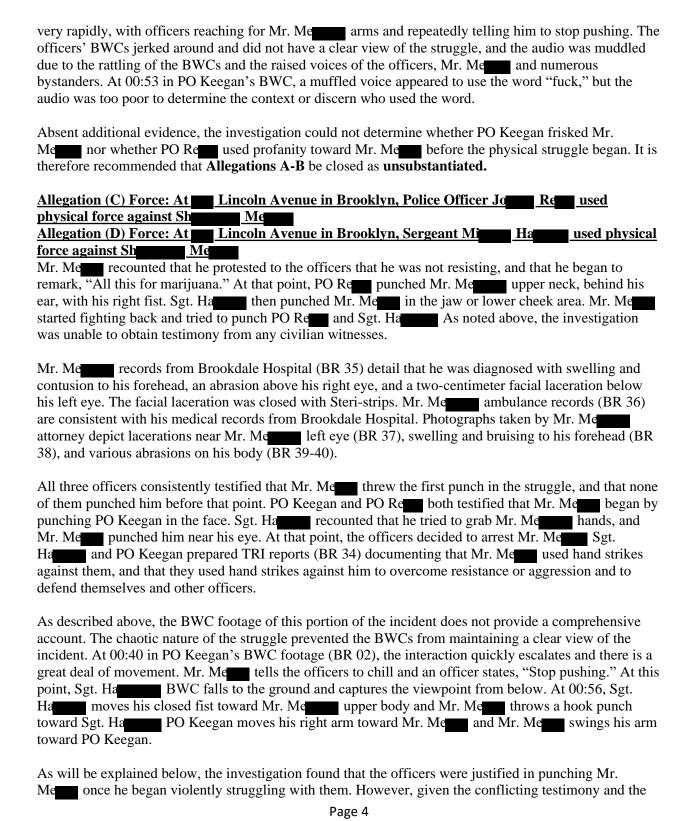
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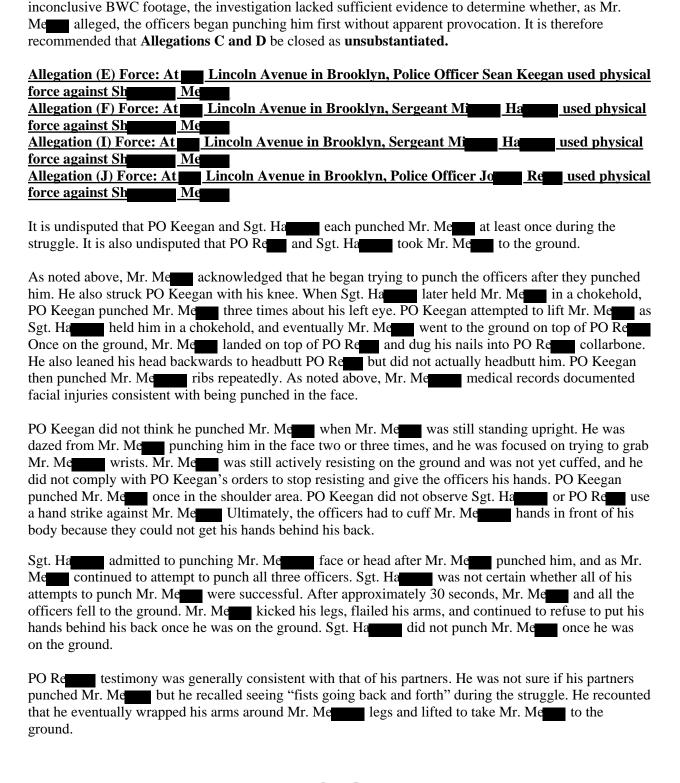
The CCRB initially closed this case on July 31, 2019, at Mr. Me request due to his open criminal case, and later reopened it on January 10, 2020. The investigation was further delayed by the COVID-19 global pandemic and delays in scheduling officers for remote interviews.

Sgt. Hamman has since been reassigned to the Warrants Division.

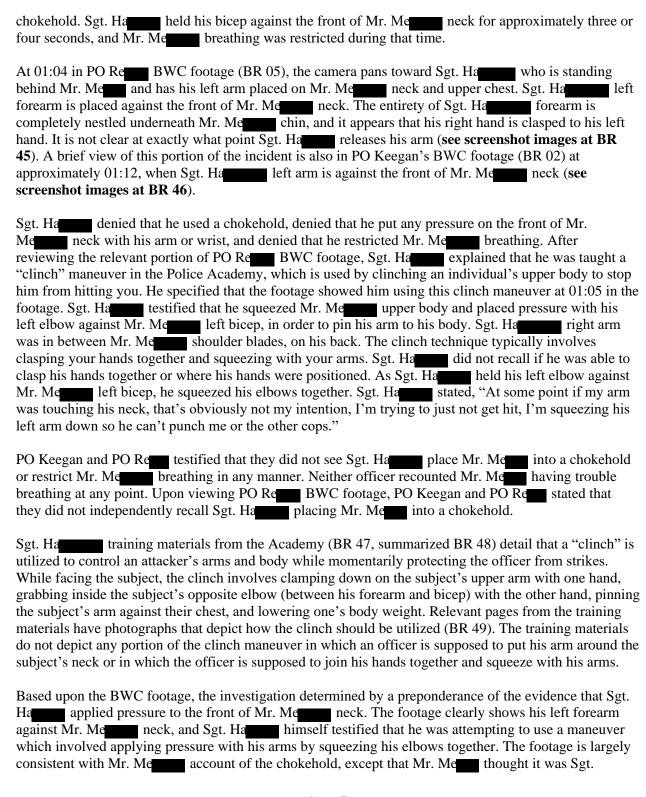
Findings and Recommendations







As noted above, Sgt. Harman and PO Keegan created TRI reports documenting that they used hand strikes against Mr. Me PO Remain and Sgt. Harman TRI reports specified that they each participated in a forcible takedown. Sgt. Harman prepared an AIDED report indicating that he was struck multiple times about the head and body, that he fell to the ground on his right elbow, and that he suffered pain, swelling, and minor abrasions. PO Keegan's AIDED stated that he was struck several times about the head and body, and he sustained swelling to the left side of his head and the right side of his jaw. Both officers declined medical attention (BR 54).
The chaotic nature of the struggle prevented the BWCs from capturing a comprehensive view, and Sgt. Harman and PO Report BWCs both fell to the ground during the struggle. As noted above, Sgt. Harman footage shows Mr. Mean apparently trading attempted punches with Sgt. Harman and PO Keegan while still upright. Throughout this period, Sgt. Harman PO Keegan, and PO Report struggle to handcuff Mr. Mean who continually moves around, pulls away, and is not compliant. At 01:12, PO Keegan turns away to address bystanders. Once he turns back to the struggle, Mr. Mean Sgt. Harman PO Report are already on the ground. At 02:03 in PO Keegan's BWC footage, the officers are still attempting to handcuff Mr. Mean who continues to resist. At the 02:10 mark, it appears that PO Keegan moves his hand in the direction of Mr. Mean upper body, and there is a thudding noise. An individual in the background states that officers should stop punching Mr. Mean As described below, Sgt. Harman briefly puts Mr. Mean in a chokehold at approximately 01:04 in PO Report BWC, and PO Keegan does not punch Mr. Mean at all during that time.
Based upon the BWC footage, the investigation determined that PO Keegan did not, as Mr. Me alleged, punch Mr. Me multiple times in the face while Mr. Me was restrained in a chokehold.
Officers may use force when it is reasonable to place a person in custody, to ensure the safety of themselves, and to protect other officers. Any use of force must be reasonable under the circumstances and not excessive. In determining whether the use of force is reasonable, relevant factors include the nature and severity of the crime, the actions taken by the subject, the immediacy of the perceived threat or harm to officers, whether the subject is actively resisting custody, and whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight. NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 (BR 44).
It is clear that PO Keegan and Sgt. Hat were justified in punching Mr. Me and that PO Read and Sgt. Hat were justified in taking Mr. Me to the ground, as Mr. Me threw several punches at them, actively resisted arrest for several minutes, and resisted to such a degree that they could not rearcuff him. Mr. Me injuries were consistent with being punched in the face, and they did not indicate that the officers used an excessive amount of force under the circumstances, given Mr. Me physical aggression and level of resistance. It is therefore recommended that Allegations E-F & I-J be closed as exonerated.
Allegation (G) Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Mi Haused a chokehold against Shared Me Allegation (H) Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Sergeant Mi Haused a restricted Shared Me breathing. Mr. Me testified that while he was struggling with officers, Sgt. Haused came behind him and placed his left arm around Mr. Manual peak and under his chip. Mr. Manual described the manager as a
his left arm around Mr. Me neck and under his chin. Mr. Me described the maneuver as a



Hamman bicep applying the pressure as opposed to his forearm. The investigation therefore also credited that Sgt. Hamman briefly restricted Mr. Memora breathing.
NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 states that a chokehold shall include, but is not limited to, any pressure to the throat or windpipe which may prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air. Officers are prohibited from using chokeholds (BR 44).
Regardless of whether Sgt. Hat was attempting to use an approved clinch maneuver, he clearly deviated from any approved maneuver when he wrapped his arm around the front of Mr. Me neck. As a result, the investigation concluded that Sgt. Hat used a chokehold and restricted Mr. Me breathing. It is therefore recommended that Allegations G-H be closed as substantiated .
Allegation (K) Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to Shannan Me Allegation (L) Force: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical
Allegation (M) Discourtesy: Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to individuals. As noted above, Mr. Me recounted that he dug his nails into PO Re collarbone and moved as if to headbutt him, and that PO Keegan punched his ribs repeatedly. In addition, Mr. Me alleged that PO Keegan said, "Stop fucking resisting," while punching him. Mr. Me further alleged that once PO Re front-cuffed him, PO Keegan punched him in the face approximately three more times, ostensibly because PO Keegan did not realize that Mr. Me was already cuffed. Mr. Me further alleged that PO Keegan yelled and cursed at a large crowd of friends, family members, and neighbors who gathered to watch the interaction. Specifically, he recounting PO Keegan asking the crowd, "What the fuck is the address?"
PO Keegan's BWC footage (BR 02) shows that Mr. Me testimony was not accurate. At 01:12, PO Keegan asked members of the crowd for the address, but he did not use profanity while doing so. The entirety of PO Keegan's interactions with the crowd were depicted on his BWC footage. At 02:03, Sgt. Harmony PO Keegan, and PO Remark attempted to handcuff Mr. Me The officers told Mr. Me to give them his hands and to lay flat. Officers then placed a handcuff onto one of Mr. Me wrists, and PO Keegan walked away, toward the crowd. At the 03:14 mark, PO Keegan approached PO Remark who was restraining Mr. Me on the ground. PO Keegan realized that Mr. Me was front cuffed, and he and several officers moved Mr. Me handcuffs from the front to the rear. PO Keegan did not say, "Stop fucking resisting." PO Keegan was not depicted punching Mr. Me after he was handcuffed.
Based on the BWC footage, the investigation determined that PO Keegan did not make the alleged statements or use the alleged force. It is therefore recommended that Allegations K-M be closed as unfounded .
Allegation (N) Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to individuals. Allegation (O) Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke discourteously to Manage Metallegation (P) Abuse of Authority: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan threatened to arrest individuals.
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It is undisputed that PO Keegan told bystanders to "back the fuck up" multiple times, and that he eventually told them they would be arrested if they did not comply.

Magnet Me who provided a brief, unverified phone statement (BR 50), stated that an officer told her, "Step the fuck back." As such, this allegation was also pled with her as a victim.

At 01:21 in PO Keegan's BWC footage (BR 02), a woman in a striped shirt approached Sgt. Hall and PO Re and stood extremely close while they struggled on the ground to handcuff Mr. Me At 01:37, the woman's hand was within inches of Mr. Me Beginning at 01:49, PO Keegan told individuals to step back approximately ten times. Throughout the interaction, approximately eight individuals walked around the area and stood several feet away from Mr. Me and the officers as they were still struggling to handcuff him. Upon being told to step back, some individuals complied, some remained where they were standing, and some continued walking around. At 02:48, PO Keegan said to individuals, "Back up or you're going to jail. Last chance. I'm giving you one more warning. Back the fuck up or you're going to jail." PO Keegan said, "Back the fuck up," three more times. At this point, no additional officers had arrived, so PO Keegan was attempting to control the crowd by himself.

PO Keegan's testimony was consistent with his BWC footage. He testified that a number of bystanders approached within five feet of Sgt. Harmon and PO Remark while they struggled on the ground with Mr. Memor PO Keegan told them to back up approximately 10-20 times. They would comply with PO Keegan's commands and step back, but when PO Keegan turned around, they would come closer again. After he issued multiple verbal warnings for the individuals to back up and they failed to comply, PO Keegan stated, "Get the fuck back," several times. After those repeated verbal commands, PO Keegan told them they would be arrested if they did not comply. He testified that they could have been arrested for obstructing governmental administration, had they interfered with Mr. Memor arrest.

The NYPD's disciplinary decisions "have consistently held that when a police officer uses an otherwise impolite word during a stressful street encounter where that officer is attempting to maintain control of the situation, the police officer's verbal slip does not rise to the level of actionable misconduct." NYPD Disciplinary Case No. 76927/04 (2004) (BR 51). A person is guilty of obstructing governmental administration when he intentionally obstructs, impairs, or perverts the administration of law or other governmental function or attempts to prevent a public servant from performing an official function. New York Penal Law § 195.05 (BR 52).

The footage shows that PO Keegan was attempting to control a stressful street encounter, that he repeatedly directed bystanders to move back before escalating to the use of profanity, and that his command continue to serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose once he began using profanity. It is therefore recommended that **Allegations N-O** be closed as **exonerated**.

Similarly, the footage shows that the civilians neared within inches of the officers who were still engaged in a violent struggle to apprehend Mr. Me PO Keegan was therefore justified in informing them that they would be arrested if they disobeyed his commands and remained close enough to potentially interfere with Mr. Me arrest. It is therefore recommended that **Allegation P** be closed as **exonerated**.

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Allegation (Q) Discourtesy: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan spoke
discourteously to Shanna Me
Beginning at 04:01 in PO Keegan's BWC footage, backup officers have already arrived. PO Keegan and
approximately five officers helped restrain Mr. Me who was still front-cuffed. At 04:26, PO Keegan
told Mr. Me "Don't fucking touch me." Mr. Me replied that PO Keegan should stop "fucking"
touching him. It was not visible what, if any, physical contact was made between Mr. Me and PO
Keegan.
Mr. Me did not testify to this particular allegation. PO Keegan did not recall making the profane
remark. Upon viewing his BWC footage, he stated that he could not identify whether it was his own
voice, as the statement was muffled. He still had no independent recollection of making the statement. He
did not deny making the statement.
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The investigation determined that the voice in the footage was PO Keegan's, due both to its similarity to his voice at other points in the footage and its similarity to his voice during his CCRB interview.
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The NYPD is committed to accomplishing its mission of protecting the lives and property of all citizens
of New York City by treating every citizen with compassion, courtesy, professionalism, and respect.
Officers must "maintain a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others." NYPD Patrol
Guide Procedure 200-02 (BR 53). The NYPD's disciplinary decisions "have consistently held that when a
police officer uses an otherwise impolite word during a stressful street encounter where that officer is
attempting to maintain control of the situation, the police officer's verbal slip does not rise to the level of
actionable misconduct." NYPD Disciplinary Case No. 76927/04 (2004) (BR 51).
At the point PO Keegan told Mr. Me "Don't fucking touch me," Mr. Me was front-cuffed and
surrounded by many officers. Given that PO Keegan did not acknowledge making the statement, he did
not provide a reason for using discourteous language at that specific point during the incident. As such,
absent any clear law enforcement reason for PO Keegan to say, "Don't fucking touch me," the
investigation determined that the profanity was not used due to an immediate need to maintain control
within a stressful street encounter. PO Keegan's statement was discourteous in nature and violated the
NYPD's mandate to treat citizens with compassion, courtesy, professionalism, and respect. It is therefore
recommended that Allegation Q be closed as substantiated .
Allegation (R) Abuse of Authority: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Sean Keegan
threatened Shaws with the use of force.
Allegation (S) Abuse of Authority: At Lincoln Avenue in Brooklyn, an officer threatened
Showing Me with the use of force.
Mr. Me recounted that, when the officers were going to briefly remove his handcuffs so they could
move his arms from in front of his body to behind his back, PO Keegan instructed him not to move and
threatened to use a Taser against him if he did not comply. Mr. Me further alleged that he could feel
an officer holding a Taser against his mid-back for about 20 seconds as the officers moved his handcuffs.
At 04:34 in PO Keegan's BWC footage, PO Keegan told Mr. Me "If you do anything, you're gonna
be tased," "You're gonna be tased if you do anything," and "If you do anything, we're going to tase you."
The BWC footage does not show any officer holding a Taser to Mr. Me body, but the footage does

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not provide a comprehensive view of the incident.

PO Keegan did not recall making the alleged statements, and he could not identify the officer's voice after viewing his BWC footage. PO Keegan testified that he and PO Recommon were not equipped with Tasers at the time of the incident. He did not know if Sgt. Harmon carried one. He denied that any officer unholstered a Taser during the incident. Sgt. Harmon could not recall if he was equipped with a Taser at the time of the incident. PO Recommon testified that he was not equipped with one. Neither officer recalled whether PO Keegan made any statements about using a Taser against Mr. Metallow Both officers denied holding a Taser against Mr. Metallow back and did not recall seeing any other officer do so.

As noted above, the investigation determined that PO Keegan was the officer who made the statements in the footage. Ultimately, the investigation could not determine if any officer held a Taser against Mr. Megant back as he alleged.

Force may be used when it is reasonable to ensure the safety of a member of the service or a third person, or otherwise protect life, or when it is reasonable to place a person in custody or prevent escape from custody. In all circumstances, any application or use of force must be reasonable under the circumstances. NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-01 (BR 44). A Taser should only be used against persons who are actively resisting, exhibiting active aggression, or to prevent individuals from physically injuring themselves or others. Active resisting includes physically evasive movements to defeat a member of the service's attempt at control or verbally signaling an intention to avoid or prevent being taken into or retained in custody. Active aggression is defined as a threat or overt act of an assault, coupled with the present ability to carry out the threat or assault, which reasonably indicates that an assault or injury to any person is imminent." NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-08 (BR 55).

Mr. Me exhibited active resistance and active aggression during a prolonged physical struggle, to the extent that he injured Sgt. Harmon and PO Keegan and that the officers could not even rear-cuff him. Under the circumstances, it was reasonable for PO Keegan to suspect that Mr. Me might resume his violent conduct when the officers removed his handcuffs to bring them behind his back, and therefore it was reasonable for PO Keegan to threaten to use his Taser if Mr. Me did so. Although the investigation could not determine which officer held a Taser against Mr. Me back, or indeed whether any officer did so, the investigation concluded that such a threat of force similarly would have been justified under the circumstances. It is therefore recommended that **Allegations R-S** be closed as **exonerated.**

Allegation (T) Force: At the 75th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical force against Shape Me

Allegation (U) Force: At the 75th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Sean Keegan used physical force against Shape Me

Mr. Me recounted that PO Keegan grabbed him and led him toward the holding cells. Mr. Me told PO Keegan to get off him and tried to move away from him. PO Keegan then used two hands and pushed Mr. Me on his upper arm and chest, into the wall. At the time, Mr. Me was one to two feet away from the wall and his chest hit the wall. Mr. Me went "crazy" and started yelling, and PO Keegan slammed him into the wall again. PO Keegan then lifted Mr. Me cuffed hands upward behind him, which caused a great deal of pain to Mr. Me Mr. Me dropped to the floor on his knees. Mr. Me testified that he sustained marks from the handcuffs on his wrists, and he specified that these marks were caused by PO Keegan lifting his arms behind him.

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Me medical records do not detail any injuries to his wrists (BR 35-36).
PO Keegan testified that he did not recall anything that happened at the stationhouse, aside from being treated by EMS personnel. He did not recall pushing Mr. Megan into a wall or lifting Mr. Megan arms upward while he was handcuffed. Sgt. Happened at the stationhouse, and PO Report did not recall being present when officers brought Mr. Megan to a cell.
Beginning at 00:53 in PO Keegan's BWC footage (BR 03), PO Keegan and officers lead Mr. Metoward the holding cells. It appears that Mr. Meto attempts to move around or pull away from the officers. At 11:12 in PO Deto BWC footage (BR 16), PO Keegan and several officers pin Mr. Metodo against the wall and hold him there, while officers place shackles on his ankles. At 11:56, Mr. Metodo handcuffed arms are extended outward, so that his upper arms appear to be at a 90-degree angle from his back. PO Keegan and several officers hold Mr. Metodo arms in this position. Mr. Metodo arms near an officer's head—at that time, officers are kneeling down at Mr. Metodo feet to place the leg shackles. The officers lower Mr. Metodo arms once the leg shackling is complete. PO Rimo BWC footage (BR 12), at 00:42, shows another view of PO Keegan holding Mr. Metodo arms outward in an extended position, while Mr. Metodo bends forward slightly. Mr. Metodo does not fall onto the ground at any point.
After being presented with BWC footage, PO Keegan stated that he did not independently recall any officer making physical contact with Mr. Megan or pushing him against the wall and could not explain how Mr. Megan arms came to be in an extended position.
Based upon the footage, the investigation concluded that PO Keegan merely held Mr. Me against the wall and did not strike him against the wall in the manner alleged. The investigation also determined that PO Keegan lifted Mr. Me cuffed arms behind him, and that Mr. Me did not drop to his knees as he claimed.
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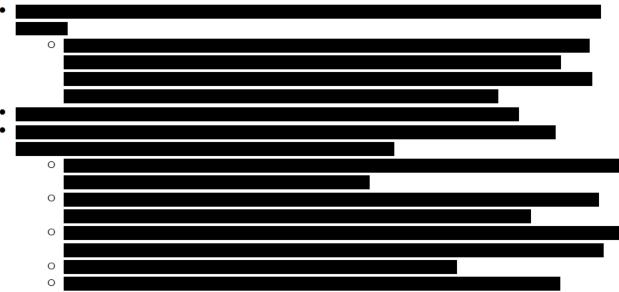
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arms did cause him pain. The use of force against a handcuffed prisoner inside a police facility requires a greater burden of reasonability, as many of the factors which can justify the use of force in a public incident are not present. As a result, the investigation could not determine whether PO Keegan's lifting of Mr. Megana arms was excessive, as the investigation was unable to assess the specific force with which he lifted the arms or whether he could have achieved his goal without lifting them to such a degree. It is therefore recommended that **Allegation U** be closed as **unsubstantiated.**

Allegation (V) Other Misconduct Noted: Police Officer Jones Remarks failed to prepare a memo book entry as required.

PO Repair failed to prepare a memo book entry as required by <u>NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 212-08</u>. It is therefore recommended that he be cited for **other misconduct** with regard to **Allegation V**.

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories



- PO Keegan has been a member of service for seven years and has been a subject in 13 CCRB complaints and 30 allegations, of which five were substantiated:
 - 201708175 involved substantiated allegations of physical force and a stop. The Board recommended Charges, PO Keegan was found guilty, and the NYPD imposed a forfeiture of 18 vacation days.
 - 201906894 involved substantiated allegations of physical force and discourtesies against PO Keegan. The Board recommended a Command Discipline A and a Command Discipline B. As of the date of this report, the NYPD has not imposed discipline.
 - o 202007357 is pending investigation.
 - o PO Keegan's CCRB history does not show a pattern pertinent to this investigation.



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- Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories
 This complaint was not suitable for mediation.
- As of January 5, 2021, the NYC Comptroller's Office has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed regarding this complaint (BR 60).

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Investigator:	Laura Strauss	Inv. Laura Strauss	7/6/2021
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Squad Leader: _ <i><u>I</u></i>	Daniel Giansante	IM Daniel Giansante	<u>July 6, 2021</u>
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